

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 6, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 31, 12/29/2004; SB 26,
12/29/2004; SB 74, 12/29/2004
Executive Action: None.

00:01:02

HEARING ON SB 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 31, Revise tax incentives for alcohol production.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:17 Jim Currie, Department of Transportation

00:04:52 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

00:07:33 Bob Turner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:45 Pat Joyce

Informational Testimony: None.

00:23:00

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:16

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:01

HEARING ON SB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 26, Revise duties of revenue and transportation interim committee.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None

00:47:03

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:36

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:44

HEARING ON SB 74

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on **SB 74**, Clarify eligibility of land for valuation as nonqualified agricultural land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:59 Randy Wilke, Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:54:13

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:16

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:12 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

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